



Isiah Leggett, County Executive  
Timothy Firestine, Chief Administrator Officer

Catherine Matthews, Director  
Robert Nelson, UCAB Chair

**December 12, 2014**

**CANCELLED**

**UCAB Land Use Committee Meeting**  
*Scheduled for Monday, December 15 7:00pm*

**CANCELLED**

**UCAB Quality of Life Committee**  
*Scheduled for Monday, December 22 7:00pm*

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**County Executive Leggett to Hold Public Forum on the FY16 Budget**  
**Monday, January 5, 2015 7:00pm**  
**BlackRock Center for the Arts**  
**12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown**

**This is a great opportunity for the community to provide input into the County's budget process for fiscal year 2016 which begins on July 1, 2015 and ends on June 30, 2016. Come out with your questions and suggestions!**

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### **Open Enrollment Under the Affordable Care Act**

The 2014-2015 open enrollment season for the **Affordable Care Act (ACA)** began November 17. Certified health navigators and assisters are ready to assist residents at our County-designated sites to browse available plans through the [Maryland Health Connection](#) (MHC), the state's online enrollment portal.

1. **Residents currently enrolled** in a private health plan (also called a QHP or qualified health plan) and interested in maintaining their coverage (and subsidy assistance) offered through MHC **must re-apply by December 18th** in order to have a plan in place (and applicable subsidy assistance) by January 1, 2015.
2. **Uninsured residents** seeking a private health plan must complete the application process by **February 15, 2015**.

Below are Dept. of Health and Human Services locations and hours of operation where residents can find in-person assistance:

- Germantown Regional Services Center (12900 Middlebrook Road, Second Floor, Germantown) Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00am - 4:30pm; Tuesday: 9:00am – 7:00pm; Saturday 10:00am – 4:00pm.
- Piccard Drive Health Center (1335 Piccard Drive, Rockville) Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00am - 4:30pm; Tuesday 9:00am – 7:00pm; Saturday 10:00am – 4:00pm.
- Silver Spring Services Center (8818 Georgia Avenue, 2nd floor, Silver Spring) Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00am - 4:30pm; Tuesday 9:00am – 7:00pm; Saturday 10:00am – 4:00pm.
- Silver Spring Health Center (8630 Fenton Street, 10th floor, Silver Spring) Monday to Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm.

**Residents may also self-enroll at [www.marylandhealthconnection.gov](http://www.marylandhealthconnection.gov)**

Contact the state's Consolidated Services Center for enrollment assistance over the telephone. The Call Center is open Monday-Friday 8:00am – 8:00pm; Saturday 8:00am – 6:00pm; and Sunday 8:00am – 2:00pm. Call 1-855-642-8572 or 1-855-642-8573 (TTY).

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## ***Reminder . . .***

### **MBE/ DBE/ ACDBE/ SBE CERTIFICATION OVERVIEW WORKSHOP**

**Monday, December 15  
Sidney Kramer Upcounty Regional Service Center  
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

**Registration Begins: 9:30 am  
Workshops Begins: 10:00 am**

**FREE - Pre-Registration Required at <http://2014certificationoverview.eventbrite.com>**

**For additional information, contact Janice Freeman at 301-428-9715**

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### **Winter Lights at the Seneca Creek State Park in Gaithersburg**

The [Winter Lights Festival](#) is welcoming visitors for its 19th spectacular season! The 3.5 mile drive through the enchanted setting of Seneca Creek State Park takes you past more than 365 illuminated displays and 65 animated vignettes that light up the night. Open daily in December from 6:00pm-10:00pm.

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### **Montgomery County Recreation Receives Prestigious National Association of Counties Achievement Award**

Montgomery County's Recreation Department received a 2014 National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Award for its Teen Works program. See more at [http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=14331](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=14331)

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### **Leggett and Public Safety Chiefs Offer Critical Holiday Safety Tips; Remind Drivers to Respect Designated Disability Parking Spaces; Kick-off “Shop with a Cop or Firefighter” Campaign**

[http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=14329](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=14329)

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## Maryland State Legislators Prepare for convening of General Assembly *Session begins January 14*

Montgomery County's delegation of State Senators and Delegates will join other legislators from around the state to convene the 2015 State Legislative Session in Annapolis. **The Upcounty is represented by Legislative Districts 14, 15, 17 and 39.** For details on the delegation and contact information, visit [www.montgomerycountydelegation.com](http://www.montgomerycountydelegation.com).  
(Note that our Montgomery County legislators hold the leadership positions for both the Senate and House of Delegates!)



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**Safety Tip:** Driving? Look before you turn. Is the crosswalk clear? Always stop for pedestrians in crosswalks.  
[#YOLOWalksafe](#)

**Did you know? . . .** About 65% of traffic signals have been retimed so far to increase time allocated for pedestrian crossings.

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***Council is on recess until Jan. 13, 2015.***

***After December 18, the Planning Board will be on recess until January 8.***

**For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit:** <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

*For other news and meeting agendas, visit:*

**County Council** <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/csltml.asp?url=/content/council/news/news.asp>

**Planning Board** [http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news\\_releases](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases)

**Also check out the latest from:**

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permittingervices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>